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\$215 MILLION POWERBALL JACKPOT FORECAST

BISMARCK – With rain forecast for the Memorial Day weekend, its possible one or more Powerball players could also be showered with millions. The Powerball jackpot is estimated at \$215 million for Saturday's draw.

This is the largest Powerball jackpot North Dakota players have ever had a chance to win. On October 9, 2004 a \$214.7 million Powerball jackpot was won by 33 co-workers from Seaford, Delaware.

With the cash value for Saturday's drawing estimated at \$121.9 million, the North Dakota Lottery is reminding players to play responsibly. "We want to remind players to play within their means," said Chuck Keller, director for the North Dakota Lottery.

Keller said players should sign the back of their tickets when purchased and put them in a safe place. Tickets should be checked carefully after every draw since there are always thousands of winners each week with eight prize levels in addition to the jackpot. Except for the jackpot, players can multiply their Powerball winnings by 2-5 times with the Power Play option.

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